

<i>As at the end of</i>	<i>Number in Thousands</i>	
	<i>Maharashtra</i>	<i>Bombay</i>
1985	3.51	0.58
1986	4.46	0.74
1987	3.79	0.61
1988	3.82	0.64
1989	3.79	0.63
1990(June)	3.95	0.70

Growth Centres in backward areas

1269. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of growth centres selected in the country for promoting industrialisation in the backward areas;

(b) the criteria adopted for selecting these centres;

(c) the progress made so far in developing industries in these growth centres; and

(d) the extent, to which the infrastructure facilities have been provided to these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Out of Seventy Growth Centres proposed to be developed under the Growth Centre Scheme, 64 have been selected and announced.

(b) The broad criteria for selection of these growth centres are that they shall not be within 50 Kms. from the boundary of

cities with a population above 25 lakhs; 30 Kms. from the boundary of cities with a population of above 15 lakhs but below 25 lakhs; and 15 Kms. from the boundary of cities with a population of 7.5 lakhs but below 15 lakhs as per 1981 census. They shall be located close to district/sub-divisional/block/Taluk headquarters or developing urban centres and shall have access to the basic infrastructural facilities.

(c) and (d). The selected growth centres under the Scheme would be provided with basic infrastructural facilities particularly in respect of power, telecommunication, water and banking in order to attract industries to these centres. Project reports in respect of 10 Growth Centres have been approved and Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 15 crores has been released. The Scheme would be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Installed capacity of rice bran refineries

1270. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity of the rice